

Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the present patent application based on the foregoing Amendment and following remarks are respectfully requested.

By this Amendment, claims 9, 10, 12, and 22 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer. As such, claims 11, 13-14, 17, 18, and 21 are pending in the application, each of which the Examiner has indicated as allowed on page 5 of the Office Action. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of the allowed claims.

REJECTION UNDER §112

Claims 9, 10, and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Without acknowledging the propriety of the Examiner's rejection and solely in an effort to expedite prosecution, claims 9, 10, and 12 have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

REJECTION UNDER §103(a)

Claims 9-10 stand rejected over Mamontov '961 (SU 923961) in view of Jasim '528 (U.S. Patent No. 5,716,528). Claim 12 stands rejected over Mamontov '961 as applied in claims 9 and 10, in further view of Shiota '181 (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0104181 A1). Claim 22 stands rejected over Mamontov '961 in further view of Jasim '528.

Without acknowledging the propriety of the rejections and solely in an effort to expedite prosecution, claims 9, 10, 12, and 22 have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejections moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Having addressed each of the foregoing rejections, it is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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